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Docket No. 21421 US C038435/0185661



REPLY UNDER
37 CFR § 1.116

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Tatsuo HOSHINO *et al.*)
Serial No.: 10/528,891) Examiner: C. L. Fronda
Filed: March 23, 2005) Art Unit: 1652
For: RECOMBINANT MICROORGANISM)
FOR THE PRODUCTION OF)
VITAMIN B6)

New York, New York
March 27, 2008

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 INCLUDING
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2007, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is

filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before April 2, 2008. 37 CFR §§ 1.8 and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,050.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17.

Please charge any required extension-of-time fees, or any other fees, not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Because the Office Action made the rejection of the pending claims final, consideration of this response pursuant to the expedited procedure for response after final rejection set forth in MPEP § 714.13 (8th Ed., Rev. 6, Sept. 2007, pp. 700-263 to 700-264) respectfully is solicited.

Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 6 of this paper.